

they could be provided with a stipend and an opportunity to be re-trained or to attend ASCC."

"In a letter dated May 7, 2009, I informed the Governor of this opportunity and stated that national emergency grant (NEG) funds would be made available if he would submit the necessary application. I also provided the Governor with names and email addresses of contacts at the U.S. Department of Labor who could assist him in this effort."

"On May 7, I wrote to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to make him aware of our situation and request his support. On May 8, I wrote to Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Chairman David Obey of the House Committee on Appropriations, requesting \$20 million in emergency aid which they were unable to provide in the supplemental, although I am hopeful that they will be able to set aside some funds at a later date."

"On May 14, I held a meeting in my office with officials from the Employment Training Agency at the U.S. Department of Labor, and followed up with a letter on the same day personally thanking Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis for working closely with my office since May 7, 2009 to find real solutions for American Samoa's cannery workers. In a letter dated June 10, 2009 and received in my office on June 17, the DOL thanked me for my letter and stated the following: 'The DOL's San Francisco Regional Office has been providing technical assistance to American Samoa on how to submit a NEG application; however, American Samoa has not submitted a NEG application as of yet.'"

The DOL also stated: 'I can assure you than once the application is submitted, it will be afforded every consideration, and your office and the Governor will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.'

"Regarding the minimum wage issue, it was my office that contacted Chairman Miller and asked for a delay in minimum wage increases, and it was my office that informed Senator Inouye that Chairman Miller and Chairman Kennedy had agreed to my request for the delay of the fourth increase until their Committees have a chance to review the GAO report due in April 2010."

"Unfortunately, the Governor issued a press release last week stating that Congress was not supportive of the delay, and both Chairman Miller and Senator Kennedy's staff went on record to state that this was not true. Both Chairman Miller and Chairman Kennedy are supportive of a delay and Senator Inouye's office informed my office that he will be working to include our language in the FY2010 Appropriations bill."

"Also, as a matter of fact, I opposed automatic increases in minimum wage and from the outset have been united with ASG officials in calling for an end to automatic increases."

"Finally, while I do not know what ASG is doing to keep StarKist in American Samoa or to buy back the cannery from Samoa Packing at a nominal fee in order to attract other investors to set up tuna canning operations, my office has been in discussions with StarKist, Bumble Bee, Taiwan, China, and the Philippines, and I have every intention of continuing discussions until we find a solution to provide employment for our workers."

"While it would have been best if ASG had prepared for this day and diversified its economy and acted on the recommendations of the American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission some seven years ago, what matters most is how ASG now responds to Samoa Packing's departure."

"This is why my door will continue to remain open to the Governor and our Fono leaders, no matter what, and this is why I

will also clarify the record every step of the way. In response to the Governor's most recent statements to the press, he stated that I said I was not aware that he was in Washington. To be clear, what I said was that I was unaware of who the Governor was meeting with while he was in Washington."

"As a matter of record, it was Senator Inouye, not the Governor, who informed me that the two had met. The only information I received from the Governor was through his consultant who left a voicemail with my staff stating that if I wanted to meet with the Governor, to call and let her know. My office returned the call and set up a time to meet with the Governor at which time I invited Chairman Miller's senior staff and Nik Pula of the OIA to meet with us, and I thought we had an excellent meeting in my office."

"Hopefully, we will continue to move forward in a positive manner and, with the support and prayers of our people, I remain optimistic that American Samoa will come through this stronger and better than before."

"As a final point, I also want to correct the record regarding Bumble Bee. Up until November of last year, Bumble Bee was Canadian owned until the U.S. management team partnered with U.S. Centre Partners to buy the company and take it private," Faleomavaega concluded.

ALZHEIMER'S

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, for the time, and I congratulate him for organizing this evening's Special Order Hour on Alzheimer's Disease.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I know how devastating this disease can be on patients, families, and caregivers. The Task Force works on a bipartisan basis to increase awareness of Alzheimer's, strengthen the federal commitment to improving the lives of those affected by the disease, and assist the caregivers who provide their needed support.

Alzheimer's disease in the U.S. is at crisis proportions. As our population ages, the number of persons affected by this brain disorder are expected to triple by 2050. The costs associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are also growing at an unsustainable rate. A recent RAND study of adults ages 70 and older found that the total economic cost of dementia in 2010 was estimated to be \$109 billion for direct care alone. That is higher than the cost of both heart disease and cancer. Furthermore, the economic cost of dementia rises to \$159 billion to \$215 billion when the cost of informal care is included.

In the U.S., someone develops Alzheimer's every 67 seconds. According to recent data, women have a 1 in 6 estimated lifetime risk of developing the disease at age 65, while the risk for men is nearly 1 in 11. The Alzheimer's Association estimates as many as 16 million Americans over age 65 could suffer from Alzheimer's by 2050. It is now the fifth leading cause of death in my home state of California.

Alzheimer's has a devastating impact upon families. Right now nearly 15 million people,

mostly family members, provide unpaid care for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia, a market value of more than \$220.2 billion. In California alone, about 1.5 million unpaid caregivers grapple with the tremendous challenges of Alzheimer's disease or dementia every day. Caregivers include spouses, children, and even grandchildren. As compared to caregivers for other diseases, Alzheimer's caregivers disproportionately report being forced to miss work, reduce work hours, quit their jobs, or change jobs due to caregiving demands. They are more likely to experience financial hardship, report health difficulties, experience emotional stress and suffer from sleep disturbance.

The bipartisan supported National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease calls for a cure or an effective treatment for Alzheimer's by 2025. In an effort to meet this goal, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved a budget for fiscal year 2015 that calls for an additional \$100 million in funding for the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to expand Alzheimer's disease research. NIA, along with other institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), are supporting a number of promising Alzheimer's disease research projects, including cutting-edge "prevention" trials that are studying whether or not the disease can be prevented or slowed substantially by administering treatments earlier in the disease process.

I am urging the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee to include at least the additional \$100 million for the NIA in the final budget package for FY 2015. This modest increase in Alzheimer's research funding will provide vital resources to support meritorious Alzheimer's disease research projects. This action will also demonstrate further resolve in support of our national priority of eradicating this insidious brain disorder.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education also included language directing NIH to submit a professional judgment budget for Alzheimer's disease research. As a cosponsor of the Alzheimer's Accountability Act (H.R. 4351), I believe that unfiltered information specifying the resources necessary to meet the goals and objectives laid out in the National Plan would provide Congress with a valuable tool for setting research and service priorities.

I also plan to urge the President to include robust funding for Alzheimer's research and caregiver support services in his fiscal year 2016 budget, which the President will be submitting to Congress early next year. Increased funding for Alzheimer's programs will allow us to meet these challenges head on and enhance our chances of meeting the goals articulated in the National Plan.

As we continue to search for a cure, our nation is at a critical crossroads that requires decisive action to assure the safety and welfare of the millions of Americans with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Together, let us commit to take every possible action to improve treatments for Alzheimer's patients, support caregivers, and invest in research to find a cure for this disease.

Once again, I thank my colleague from California for organizing tonight's Special Order.

ELEVATIONS CREDIT UNION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elevations Credit Union as a recipient of the 2014 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. This award is the nation's highest Presidential honor recognizing excellence in innovation, improvement, and visionary leadership.

Elevations, based in Boulder, Colorado, is one of only four organizations in the U.S. to receive the honor this year. Even more impressive, Elevations is the first credit union ever to win this prestigious award.

Established in 1952, Elevations is one of the largest and most successful credit unions providing a wide range of exceptional financial products and services. Along with banking services, Elevations connects with its community by providing grants and giving programs, supporting educational opportunities, delivering affordable housing in the Colorado area, and protecting the environment. Since 1999, they have been recognized as one of Boulder County's top financial institution, underscoring their commitment to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Elevations Credit Union for their accomplishment as a 2014 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient and commend them for their dedication to providing extraordinary services to Colorado.

RECOGNIZING OSAN CITY'S EFFORTS TO HONOR THE U.S. SOLDIERS OF TASK FORCE SMITH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the continuous efforts of The City of Osan in South Korea, to honor the men of Task Force Smith, the first American unit to engage North Korean troops in July of 1950, following the immediate outbreak of the Korean War on June 25, 1950. As an artillery operations specialist in the all-black 503rd Field Artillery Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Division, I arrived in Pusan, South Korea, in August of 1950, shortly after Task Force Smith valiantly held back the North Korean assault and made it possible for my unit to eventually begin moving north as the U.N. Forces advanced deep into North Korea.

The City of Osan, Kyung-gi Province and the Korean Government, with the help of former U.S. Congressman Jay Kim, are planning to construct a memorial park at the site of the Battle of Osan to honor the troops of Task Force Smith and all the other forces from the participating U.N. nations that fought to protect South Korea from the communist invasion.

The Task Force Smith Memorial Park will encompass some twelve acres along the road where a hastily organized force of 540 Americans dug in on July 5, 1950 to slow the advance by a larger, better equipped force of North Korean tanks and infantry. Some 181

Task Force members were killed, wounded, taken prisoner or counted missing in action, but they were able to delay the North Korean advance while other U.S. and Korean units prepared defensive positions. The Memorial Park will include walking paths, historical markers, statues, pavilions and 540 pine trees, one planted for each of the soldiers of Task Force Smith.

This past July 3, former Congressman Jay Kim, his wife, Jennifer Ahn, along with four Task Force Smith veterans and their family members traveled to Korea to participate in the 59th annual ceremony to commemorate the U.N. Forces First Battle Memorial. Those in attendance were: John H Sanchez (52nd) from Waukesha, WI, William C Coe (B co) from Cohoes, NY and daughter Suann M. Ingle, Norman Matthews (C co) from Dexter, MN and his wife Lindy Matthews, Charles Fronapfel (MED co, POW) from Lakewood, CO and son Lee Charles Fronapfel, and Lisa Gay Sholl in honor of her father, Norman Fosness (B co) of Fargo, ND.

According to Osan City, the museum was built in 2013 to remember and honor the brave soldiers of Task Force Smith. Now they want to expand and include a memorial park to provide a place for Korean children to learn and carry forward this special memory and a special appreciation of the friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

Osan is an especially important place to remember the sacrifice and dedication of our American troops. At this site some 540 young Americans, ill-prepared and ill-equipped, were thrown into battle against tremendous odds on behalf of a people and a nation they barely knew.

The relationship between our two countries is a precious one that will continue to grow. It is amazing that after all these decades, Korea and the Korean people have never stopped thanking us. Korea will always have a place in my heart as it does in the hearts of all U.S. veterans who have served then and those who serve now.

HONORING NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Academy of Engineering.

The NAE was founded in 1964 and immediately made its mark. It was soon advising NASA how to organize the design and operation of the Space Shuttle, where the NAE provided guidelines for technology and operations that help launch the craft into space.

The NAE's record of accomplishments continued in the 1970s. In a study commissioned by the Port Authority of New York, the NAE came up with some of the first solutions for airport noise, which continue to benefit all of us even to this day.

In 1973, the NAE helped warn us of the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

In 1974, the Academy provided us with some of the first important scholarship on the adverse health effects of air pollution, and the

costs and benefits of controlling auto emissions.

In the years and decades that followed, the National Academy of Engineering continued to pioneer new solutions to some of our nation's most pressing problems. Nothing highlights this better than the instrumental role NAE played in drafting the landmark report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*. This 2007 report described a nation at risk of falling behind our competitors: not educating our children in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; not inventing at the same pace as other nations; and not producing new jobs in high-technology fields. The report was a call to action, and while its vision still needs to be fulfilled, it captured the attention of scientists, economists, think tank experts, government officials, and lawmakers. Led by Norm Augustine, the Chair of the NAE Council, the message of that report remains a compelling call for Congress to recognize how science and engineering can move us toward economic security.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to join me in celebrating the National Academy of Engineering, its accomplishments, and to congratulate them on 50 years of service to the nation.

PASSING OF MAYOR MARION BARRY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Mayor Marion Barry, and my heart and prayers go out to his family, friends, and to the entire city of Washington, D.C.

Mayor Barry was truly Washington's "Mayor for Life." He devoted his life to social justice and equality and bettering the lives of Washington D.C.'s residents.

I had the honor of knowing and working with Mayor Barry for many years, as a Member of Congress and as a congressional staffer for Congressman Ron Dellums.

Mayor Barry was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi and would go on to be the first chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

As SNCC Chairman, he played a critical role in organizing the grassroots efforts that would make the Civil Rights Movement a success.

Later, as a Councilman and Mayor of Washington, D.C., he continued to be a tireless champion for equality and justice.

Mayor Barry will be greatly missed by all and his absence will be felt by many here in Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY ON PASSAGE OF MINIMUM WAGE DELAY AFFECTING AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information about the passage of a minimum wage delay in 2010 affecting American Samoa.